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A.—The Inspector-General of Police by virtue of his office has a definite responsibility with regard to the maintenance of law and order and it may be presumed that the special conditions created by the civil disobedience movement involved the issue by him from time to time of particular instructions to his district officers. The Government have not received, however, copies of any such instructions, nor do they propose to call for them.

His Excellency the Governor's visit to St. Aloysius College, Mangalore.

*26 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) with reference to Mr. J. A. Saldanha's statement in the *Madras Mail*, dated 25th October 1930, whether it is a fact that before His Excellency the Governor's visit, a high district official had informed the Rector of the St. Aloysius College that Gandhi caps would not be tolerated during His Excellency's visit to that College;

(*b*) if not, whether any other instructions were given by that official as to the use of Gandhi caps, and if so, what were the said instructions, and by whom they were issued;

(*c*) whether the wearing of Gandhi caps has been declared to be illegal; and on what authority the said instructions were issued by the said officer to prevent students from wearing Gandhi caps; and

(*d*) whether any students were prevented by the Police from entering the gates of the compound of the St. Aloysius College on the said occasion for having worn Gandhi caps, and if so, under whose instructions they were stopped from entering the College premises?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*d*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) No.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know why Government have not called for information in spite of the fact of their having received a petition from certain students of the College?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"As far as I am aware, no petitions have been received."

Khan Sahib SYED TAJUDIN SAHIB Bahadur:—"May I take it that the hon. the Home Member will now call for the information?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—"I do not think it is necessary."

Alleged lathi charge on some students of St. Aloysius College, Mangalore.

*27 *Q.*—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any lathi charge was ordered on the students of St. Aloysius College, Mangalore, wearing Gandhi caps, and whether they were beaten with lathis, and if so, under what circumstances and for what reasons;

(*b*) if any lathi charge was made, whether it was after the Governor had passed the students or before? If it was after, what was the occasion;

(*c*) whether any students were injured by the lathi charges, and if so, what is their number, and what is the nature of the wounds; and

(*d*) what action the Government have taken or propose to take in the circumstances?

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A.—(a), (b) & (c) Certain students were dispersed by the Police in order to prevent a breach of the peace, but none sustained serious injury. The Government have no information whether lathis were used.

(d) None.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT :—" May I know who that official is that asked the students not to wear Gandhi caps ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" No official issued any such order."

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR :—" What were the acts committed by the students for the Police to interfere ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Certain students went out of the College and wanted to become riotous ? "

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR :—" What is meant by 'riotous'? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Causing trouble."

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR :—" What trouble ? Trouble to whom ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " Breach of the peace."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—" Am I to understand that Government have received no report in the matter ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " As far as I remember, I don't think any report has been received."

Mr. C. R. PARTHASARATHI AYYANGAR :—" Will the hon. the Home Member call for information at least now ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :— " There is no necessity for it now."

Number of Sub-Inspectors of Police in South Kanara.

*28 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state the number of Sub-Inspectors of Police in South Kanara and the communities to which they belong ?

A.—The sanctioned number is thirty. The Government have no information as to which communities they belong.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" Will Government get the information with regard to the second part of their answer ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I shall consider the suggestion, Sir. "

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